

## About the Archives

In part, history for the State of Tennessee is preserved in the Tennessee Library and Archives Building located in downtown Nashville. The Library holds a great deal of information from years past. At the end of each two year General Assembly, the House Clerk's Office forwards to the Library, the originals of all legislation and resolutions which have been filed in the House, as well as, the Rough Journals of the House. Still, unless you are able to travel to the Library and Archives Building this information is largely unavailable for review.

However, the advent of the internet has made it possible for the Tennessee House of Representatives to make both, current House information, along with House information from previous General Assemblies available to the general public.

The House began archiving information on the Internet in the Fall of 2002. At that time composites and member pages were made available online, as well as House Journals from 1971 to 2004. With this task in hand, it is the intent to provide information dating further back, by updating information as it becomes available.

A large portion of the information that was put on the Internet by the House of Representatives is the **Archives** section. The Archives section is comprised of certain information that pertains to the House from a particular General Assembly. It includes a House composite picture, the Speaker's remarks, House Members' Information, Committees Assignment, Caucuses, and Publications of the Clerk's Office.

**Composite** pictures of past House of Representatives are available in the Archives section. By selecting a member's picture, you may obtain more information about that particular member, such as party affiliation, district number, district address, legislative address, biographical information and a list of public offices held by that member.

In addition, there are links to the **Speaker's remarks** for each House session. These remarks are normally given at the beginning and end of each year the House is in session.

A **Members** section, located in the archives provides an alphabetical listing of all members of the House during a particular General Assembly. By selecting a member, a page with detailed information about the member appears.

A listing of **House Standing Committees and Subcommittees** is located in the Archives. By accessing this section, one may view a list of Subcommittees within each Standing Committee and the members of those Subcommittees and Standing Committees.

A link to the **Democratic and Republican Caucuses** is also available in the Archives. This link shows the leadership of the caucuses and a list of members.

The **Publications** section includes informational works that are compiled and distributed by the House of Representatives. These include a **House Chamber Book** that is a photographic and biographic listing of all members of the House. The **Research Review**, compiled by the House Research Division, is a weekly publication that gives a brief description of legislation considered by each House Committee for that particular week. The **House Journal** contains the official business of the House as it takes place on the House Floor, including all motions, the passage of legislation and the roll call votes. The **Legislative Manual** is an in depth guide containing House procedure and rules and general state government information.